



Pine Shavings

**Piney Woods Chapter #51
Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution**



President's Message



I want to welcome everyone back from Christmas. Here is hoping that each of you had a wonderful time with friends and family. As 2018 begins, each of us will surely look to a prosperous and healthy New Year! Our hopes are that our chapter will continue to grow in the coming year. As each of you spreads the word about the good things that SAR stands for, we can't help but increase our numbers.

I will be providing the presentation for the month of January. I have always had a keen interest in history. I have a bachelors and masters in the field. At one time I had aspirations for teaching at the college level. As an undergraduate I took a course in British History. The emphasis was on England's glorious age of exploration, expansion, and the Industrial Revolution. As we all know, in the 19th century, the sun never set on the Union Jack. One of my favorite characters of this period was George the 3rd. What an interesting character he was. He has a very long reign that encompassed a good portion of the 18th as well the first quarter of the 19th century. Anyway, my presentation will be interactive. It will begin with a short multiple-choice quiz on good old George. You don't need to study. I plan on making the questions both

fun and interesting. After the test we will review the answers. All comments will be welcome. The highest score will receive a special prize! Come and enjoy. I guarantee you will have a good time, and for sure you will go away wiser about this interesting figure. *Jim Pinkerton*



**Meeting
Saturday, Jan 20, 2018
Member & Guest**

Jimmy G's,
307 N. Sam Houston E. Parkway,
Greenspoint
12:30 p.m.

RSVP for the Meeting

Please respond with the number of people attending and names by Thursday before the meeting date.

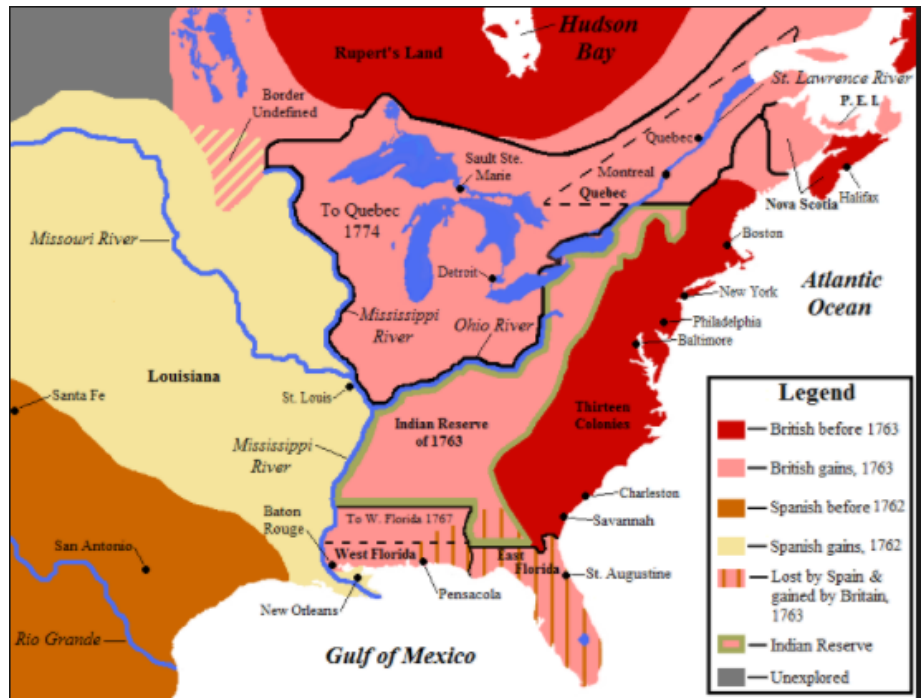


JANUARY PROGRAM

King George III by Jim Pinkerton

This Day in History

1763 February 10 – The *Treaty of Paris* brought an end to fighting, for a few years, between the Monarchs of Europe ending the *French and Indian or Seven Years War*. In North America, France ceded the Eastern half of Louisiana to Great Britain or from the Mississippi River to the Appalachians. France had already secretly ceded this territory to Spain in the Treaty of Fontainebleau in 1762. Spain gave Florida to Great Britain and islands in the Caribbean Sea captured during the war were for the most part returned.



1776 January 9-Thomas Paine, 1737-1809, published anonymously *“Common Sense”* in Philadelphia. Paine challenged the authority of the British government and advocated American Independence is his work.

“Society in every state is a blessing, but government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worse state an intolerable one; for when we suffer, or are exposed to the same miseries by a government, which we might expect in a country without government, our calamity is heightened by reflecting that we furnish how we suffer. Government, like dress, is a badge of lost innocence, the palaces of kings are built upon the ruins of the bowers of paradise. For were the impulses of conscience clear, uniform and irresistibly obeyed, man would need no other lawyer, but that not being the case, he finds it necessary to surrender up a part of his property to furnish means for the protection of the rest; and this he is induced to do by the same prudence which in every other case advises him, out of two evils to choose the least. Wherefore, security being the true design and end of government, it unanswerably follows that whatever form thereof appears most likely to ensure it to us, with the least expense and greatest benefit, is preferable to all others”, A paragraph from *“Common Sense”*.



Thomas Paine

Calendar of Events

NSSAR Leadership Louisville (Feb-Mar) 2018 TBA

State Events

TXSSAR Annual Conference Richardson TX April 5-8, 2018

Chapter Events

Member/Guest-Jimmy G’s January 20, 2018

Member/Guest-Jimmy G’s February 17, 2018

Member/Guest-Jimmy G’s March 17, 2018

Piney Woods Chapter 51 Texas Society SAR Meeting at Jimmy G's

President Jim Pinkerton welcomed all to the meeting at 12:30 PM. The invocation by Cannon H. Pritchard was followed by the pledge to the US and Texas flags and the SAR pledge.

COMPATRIOTS PRESENT: Kermit Breed, Larry Stevens, Kim Morton, Larry Blackburn, B. Ray Mize, Bernie Kent, Dennis Keister, Larry Keister, Joe Potter, Cannon H Pritchard, John Kenton Thompson, Jim Pinkerton, Tom Morris, Doug Blodgett, Marty Landry, Alan Bowman and Daniel Florian.

GUEST: Ann Kent, Marsha Morris, Barbara Stevens, Janisue Rigel, Davena Leipman, Mary Thompson, Andrea Blodgett, Debbie Kalline, John Kallina, Camern Kalline, Carolyn Bowman and Sharen Mize.

MINUTES: Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from the November meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Larry Stevens presented the report from Treasurer John Beard. There was a reported balance \$2,649.58. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Kermit Breed is working on new applications for Benjamin Sapp and Adam Blasdel. Larry Stevens is working on a new application for John Schmonsees. Larry is also serving as State Registrar. Joe Potter is working on new applications for Abraham, Samuel and Bo Alexander Abdmoulale.

NEWSLETTER: On line at: <http://www.txssar.org/PineyWoods/pdf/dec2017sar.pdf>.

OLD BUSINESS: Anyone with Military service is eligible for the Military or War Service Medal. A DD214 is required. Contact Kermit Breed at breedkermit@aol.com.

NEW BUSINESS: B.Ray Mize and Tom Morris were presented with a SAR Military Service Medal for their service to our country. Both told us a little about their time in the military.

Our three newest members Tom Morris, Lawrence Dean Keister and Daniel Florian were presented with their Certificate and Rosette. Each new member gave a short history of their Patriot. President Pinkerton presented each new member with a Texas SAR Challenge Coin.

GUEST SPEAKER: Barbara Stevens gave an outstanding presentation on our sister origination the DAR. Founded in 1890 the DAR has become the premier patriotic origination in the USA. They are "the go" for Genealogy research. Barbara has helped PineyWoods many times in the past. We are lucky to have her as a friend.

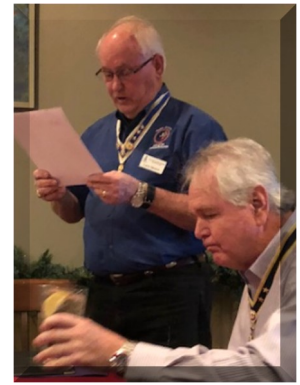
Members joined together in the SAR closing followed by the benediction by Cannon H Pritchard. President Jim Pinkerton adjourned the meeting at 2:45 PM.

PineyWoods #51 Secretary Kermit Breed





Pictured; L-R—Alan and Carolyn Bowman, Daniel Florian, Marty Landry, Tom and Marsha Morris, Sharon and B Ray Mize



L—Larry Stevens, Larry Blackburn



L-R—Mary and John Thompson, brothers Larry and Dennis Keister, Andrea and Doug Blodgett, Cannon Pritchard, Kim Morton, Kermit Breed Jim Pinkerton



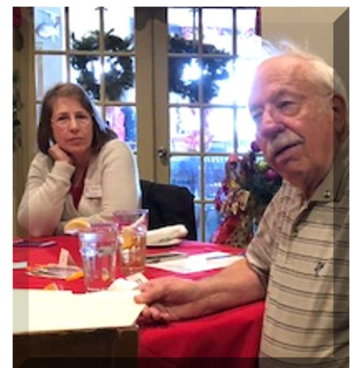
Bernie and Ann Kent

Below—Sisters Janisue Rigel and Davena Leipman with Mary and John Thompson

Below Left—B Ray Mize, Deborah and John Kallina



Below L-R—Larry Keister, Dennis Keister, Andrea 'Andy' and Doug Blodgett, Col. Cannon Prichard, Kim Morton, Kermit Breed



Ann Kent and Joe Potter



Message From The President of Texas

John Beard – Texas SAR President

Compatriots – Your State Society is busy preparing for not only the 2018 National Congress, but also the 2018 State Convention which will be held in Richardson, TX April 5-8, 2018. If you have not attended a State meeting, either a Board of Managers' Meeting (held in the Fall) or a State Convention (held in the Spring) I would highly recommend that you do so. One of the highlights of the Convention is the Youth Awards Luncheon. This recognizes some truly outstanding young people in our state. The State winners are then forwarded to National SAR for entry into those competitions which are held at Congress each year. Another important event at the Convention is the election of State Officers. The Convention is a slightly more formal meeting since we will have an installation banquet on Saturday evening. We usually have several National Officers in attendance as well. I know that NSSAR PG Larry Guzy and the First lady will be attending in Richardson.



Anyone that is interested in serving is welcome to contact either me or Past President Mike Radcliff, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Currently we are searching for Compatriots that have an interest and aptitude for genealogy as we need replacements for our Registrars.

Dues notices went out in October, but so far only about 60% of the membership has paid the dues for 2018. It is important for the continuity of your membership that these be paid by January 31, 2018 or you could have a break in service.

Let me wish you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

John C. Beard

Colonial Williamsburg

Williamsburg Virginia, not far from the old ship docks on the James River, served as the site of Commonwealth of Virginia's Colonial Government from 1699 until 1780. Jamestown had served this function for 92 years until the Statehouse burnt to the ground on October 20, 1698. Temporally, the College of William and Mary, Middle Plantation, served as the meeting place. A campaign to move from the mosquito infested Jamestown began shortly after and a decision was made to move the capitol of the Commonwealth to Middle Plantation. The name was changed to Williamsburg in honor of King William III of England. The Revolutionary War spelled doom for Williamsburg with Lord Dunsmore as governor when the revolt began and his hasty departure to avoid capture in 1776. During the Revolutionary War, Williamsburg was occupied most of the time by the British, the last was Lord Cornwallis just shortly before Yorktown. During this period a large number of those who lived in and around Williamsburg fled taking their industry with them. Williamsburg suffered economically from this time until well after the War. In 1780, Thomas Jefferson had been instrumental in the moving the legislative body permanently to Richmond. One saving grace occurred in mid September 1781, when General Jean-Batiste Donatien de Vermir, comte de Rochambeau settled down in Williamsburg with a part of his army. Rochambeau and his officers, men, who played a major role in the victory over the British, enjoyed the hospitality of the residents. Many recorded their thoughts on the time spent, the difficult times due to the economy but noting how gracious their hosts were. Today, Williamsburg is again suffering due to a fall in tourism. This has caused cutbacks in a number of activities and displays. ***Barbara and Larry Stevens have been members of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation for years and encourage all our families to visit this special Monument to Colonial America. Help keep Williamsburg Park!***





Barbara Stevens gave a presentation on the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). The DAR can trace its origins back to the beginnings of the SAR. In the beginning, women attended SAR meetings. However, this same year, SAR voted to constitute the organization as a male only organization. Among the ladies, some rather put out. Mary Smith Lockwood published an editorial in the New York Times which defended the women of the Revolution and the role women should have in commemorating our patriotic ancestors. She stated, "If this is the case why do men and women band themselves to commemorate a one-side heroism? If these were true, patriotic women, why is not the patriotism of the country broad and just enough to take women in too? It is a noble act for the descendants of the Revolutionary sires. But were there no mothers of the Revolution? Were those sires without dams?" So just a few months later the ladies formed the Daughters of the American Revolution on October 11, 1890. The DAR is a strong organization with objectives and goals which are similar to the SAR. The organization has grown to over 190,000 members in the United States and worldwide. Members come from every walk of life. The DAR first President General was the First Lady of the United States Caroline Scott Harrison. First Lady Harrison considered her role as President of DAR more prestigious than that of First Lady of the United States.



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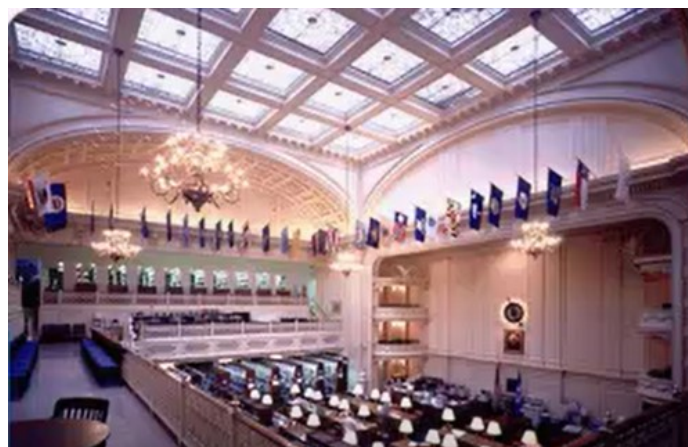
The motto of the DAR is *"God, Home, Country."* Its programs express the devotion of DAR to these goals. DAR has three main objectives: historic preservation, patriotism and education. These objectives are accomplished through a very effect committee structure at the national, state, and chapter level. There are fifty committees nationally which work to accomplish goals in these areas. Those programs are accomplished by members at all levels. They include assistance for six DAR schools for disadvantaged youth, support for historic preservation by local chapters, record preservation, and assistance to de-

ployed military, wounded warriors, and veterans. With so many varied programs members are able to find their calling in one or more of the many outreach areas.

DAR has its headquarters in Washington, D.C. at



1776 D Street, about two blocks from the White House. The oldest building, Memorial Constitution



Hall, was built in 1905. It began as the site of the annual Continental Congress but evolved into the library, museum, and offices when a larger venue was built on the site. The DAR Library was organized in 1896 and is one of the largest genealogical libraries in the United States. It houses the DAR applications and many very unique and valuable collections of American records. It is in the room, formerly the meeting hall for annual congresses, and is breathtaking to visit, that is before you become engrossed in all the wonderful records. A few years ago DAR culled its collection removing duplicates of books. They generously offered the books to the SAR Library in Louisville. This donation was greatly appreciated by SAR who had just moved into its own new library.

In 1929 DAR added Constitutional Hall to its campus. This became the new venue for Continental Congress. It is used as a concert and meeting venue

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in the D.C. area, and can be rented for events. It is the area's largest concert hall.

DAR is a strong organization and is working to become even more impactful in accomplishing its goals.

A goal has been set to reach 250,000 members by 2026 (yes that's right one quarter of million members.) This is to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Progress is astounding in this area and one would not be surprised to see that surpassed before the target date. Texas's own Lynn Forney Young, Honorary DAR President General, as been appointed a Commissioner of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission. She one of a short list of private citizens given this honor to serve.

Presenter Barbara Ann Stuart Stevens is the current sitting President General of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and a member of the James Tulle Chapter of the TXSDAR.



New PineyWoods Chapter 51 Members

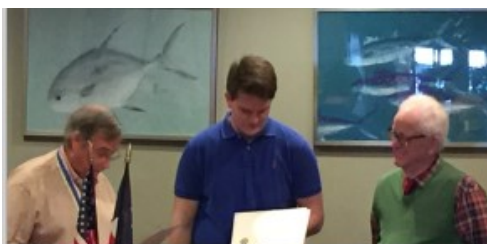


Left to right—Larry Stevens Chapter Registrar, and new members Larry Keister, Daniel Florian and Tom Morris

Daniel Florian—Ancestor Job Harvey, Private under Captain Daniel Reiff 6th Battalion, Berks Co. Militia

Larry Keister—Ancestor John Nickolas Keister PA Private and Ranger

Tom Morris—Ancestor Richard Beardon



Daniel with G Dad Alan Bowman



Pres. Pinkerton and Larry Keister



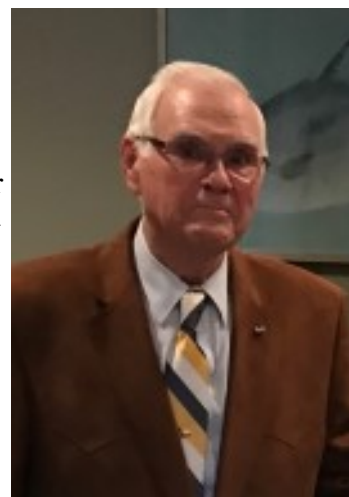
Tom Morris talks about his Ancestor

FROM the REGISTRAR

by Kermit Breed

Genealogy research is light years ahead of when I started in 1985. My family made a trip to Italy that year to see my wife's sister who was living there. Every encounter with the locals resulted with them wishing to know if I was of Italian decent. I could not answer that question. I made up my mind to find out when we got back home. So, for me it began.

I find that being organized is one of the most important things for me. I keep files on my research both paper and electronic. Paper being needed when the application is mailed. Today, the best source I have for keeping facts in order I acquired after I started filling out membership applications is SARApAid Created by PineyWoods member Ray Cox. The App is free to PineyWoods SAR members: <http://www.coxsoftware.com/sarapaid.htm>. There is a small charge for SAR Members (and others) for a downloadable "coxsoftware".



How, you ask, do I fill out an application or a supplement? My best advice is read the Application Manual for rules and suggestions. <https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/77/PF1yMJHKXkaT.pdf>

All DAR Record Copies may be accepted as proof after DAR national number 688702 or dated after 1-1-1985. Record copies can be obtained for \$10.00. Supporting Documentation can be ordered for \$20.00 from the DAR web site at: http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/?Tab_ID=1

Tombstones used as supporting evidence must be contemporaneous to the time of the subject's death and include a readable photograph of the marker. New stones containing information about events that occurred years ago are not recognized. When submitting tombstone photos that did not come from Find-A-Grave memorial pages, the locations of the graves must be included for each photo (name of cemetery, city/county/state). Memorial pages found on www.findagrave.com are not acceptable unless they include a readable photograph of the actual tombstone and the information on the memorial page stating where the subject is buried (name of cemetery, city/county/state). Only the text on the tombstone is accepted as evidence.

Another good source is the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Patriot & Grave Index <http://patriot.sar.org/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=Grave%20Registry&-loadframes>

If you have a question, contact me and if I cannot answer it I will refer you to someone who can.

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NOTICE: Application Changes. *This affects ALL SAR Membership Applications. Coxsoftware and the NSSAR Digital Application on the NSSAR Website WILL be ready January 1st. Contact Ray Cox for the updated version of his software.*

The Genealogy Committee amended Policy 6.0001 to require all applications to be on forms that have been updated to discontinue the section on children of the applicant, include a certification that applicants meet the basic membership requirements of the SAR Constitution, and include signature space for the Genealogist General (or his staff representative). The effective date for this policy brought the policy manual up to date with previous decisions of the Trustees at the Spring Leadership Meeting and at Congress in Knoxville. Later a motion was passed to recommend to the Trustees that **the deadline be extended to the Spring 2018 Leadership Meeting** if necessary, in case the Cox software was not updated by the deadline. (The Committee did not have current information on the status at the time.) The motion was made to the Trustees to extend the deadline to **1 March 2018**, but the motion omitted the words "if necessary."